

# Advent

December 19, 2021

*When the angels had  
left them and gone into  
heaven, the shepherds  
said to one another,  
"Let us go now to  
Bethlehem and see this  
thing that has taken  
place, which the Lord  
has made known to us."  
Luke 2:15*



*4th Sunday in Advent*

*December 19, 2021*

**Advent Setting**

*Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."*

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**A** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

**C** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

**P** God for whom we wait,

**C** **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

**P** God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ☩ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Advent Four:

P We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent stands for the coming of our Lord. The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall be named Emmanuel (God Is With Us). Isaiah 7:14

## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## KYRIE

The musical score for the Kyrie is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!

Hail in the time ap - point - ed his reign on earth be - gun!

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system has a dashed line at the end of the staff. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system also ends with a double bar line.

Lift up your heads, you might - y gates; be - hold, the  
Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
So, come, my Sov - 'reign, en - ter in; let new and

King of Glo - ry waits; the King of Kings is  
tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for  
no - bler life be - gin; the Ho - ly Spir - it

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
guide us on, un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: MICAH 5:2-5A**

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

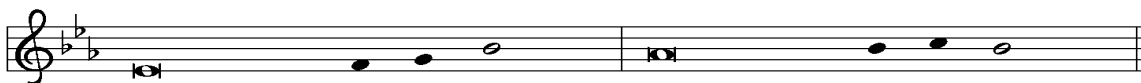
<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

L The Word of the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God

PSALM 80:1-7 *SUNG RESPONSIVELY*

## SUNG RESPONSIVELY



<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

**<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore | us, O God,  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>40</sup>O LORD | God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the | bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.  
7 Restore us, O | God of hosts:

let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.

**SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The musical score for the Gospel Acclamation is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The score is arranged in two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the first chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-55**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW PATTY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

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*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*

**MAGNIFICAT**

P In the words of Mary, let us proclaim our joy in the coming of Christ.

**C My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy. The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 Glo - ri - a!

## THE PRAYERS

A In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

A Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church's gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Creator God, you proclaim your boundless love for all that you have made. Renew barren lands, polluted waters, and melting ice caps. Make us servants of your creation that brings forth abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Righteous God, you bring down the mighty and lift up the lowly. Strengthen those who seek justice. Bless the work of community organizers, activists, journalists, and all who call our attention to imbalances of power. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Compassionate God, you proclaim your love and mercy. Show your lovingkindness to teen parents and those who are pregnant. Comfort any struggling with infertility and those who await test results, are in treatment and hospice care, and others in need, especially Keith Springer, Peggy Buchholz, Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, Linda Stone, Liz Utech, Susan Fitz, and Martha Nemeth. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Gracious God, you fill the hungry with good things. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Guide us to share your bounty with those who hunger or live in poverty. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Creating God, you give us joy for our lives here on earth. Grant joy to Sara King, Don O'Brien, and Jeff Longren as they celebrate their birthdays, and to Ivan Carlson and Tresa Johnson as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Faithful God, you stir up the hearts of those who love you. We give you thanks for those who, like Mary, were courageous in their witness. Give us such courage until that day when you fulfill all things. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**C Amen.**

## THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with God's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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OFFERING

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY

Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

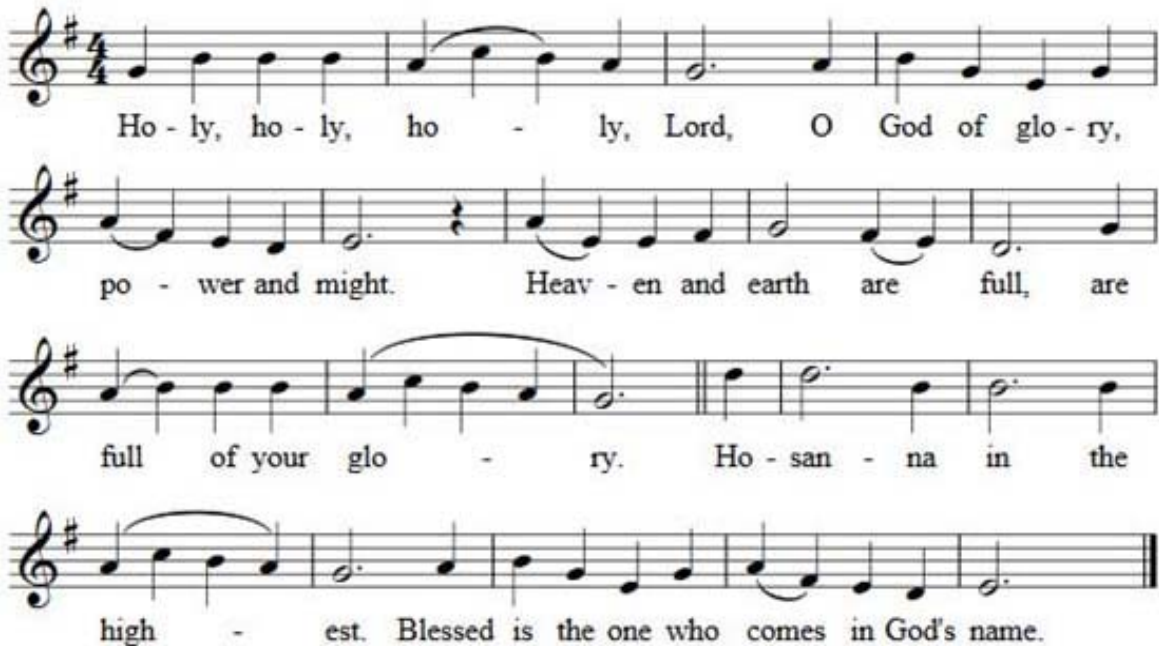
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given  
for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, say-  
ing: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for  
the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of  
grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We  
look with hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

**C Come among us.**

P Bless this meal.

**C May your Word take flesh in us.**

P Awaken your people.

**C Fill us with your light.**

P Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Pow-  
er of the Most High, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

*Please be seated.*

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God Take a way our sins  
A - men, A - way our sins  
Have mer - - - - - cy on us. 2 times  
A - - - - - men.

### COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C Amen

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*All Earth Is Hopeful*

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### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor  
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

***Welcome to worship at Trinity!***

*Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst.*

*If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767*

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Nov. 21	\$2,320.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,320.00	-\$2,211.54	\$4,108.46	24
Nov. 28	\$1,730.00	\$130.00	\$1,860.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$351.54	25
Dec. 5	\$3,770.00	\$560.00	\$4,330.00	-\$2,211.54	\$2,118.46	33
Dec. 12	\$1,730.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,730.00	-\$2,211.54	\$518.46	36
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Nov. 2021	\$8,795.60	-\$14,581.58	-\$5,785.98	
		Jan. - Nov.	\$114,918.13	-\$126,496.10	-\$11,577.97	

***Remember our shut-ins!***

Peggy Buchholz     Keith Springer  
Marlene Hassan     Naomi Walker  
Ron Owensby





Worship Assistants						
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Dec. 19, 2021	Curt Lewis, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Junior Utech	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty
Dec. 24, 2021	Marcy Carlson, Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Janelle Meredith	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
Dec. 26, 2021	Howard Reece, Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty



The date of our annual meeting is January 30, 2022. Work on the annual report booklet will begin in early January. **The deadline to submit reports to be included in the booklet is December 30.** You may review the index of previous reports to see what reports are needed, or call the office, 233-0767.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Dec. 19 .....	Worship & Communion .....	10:30 AM
.....	Spiritual Care Committee meeting .....	after worship
Mon., Dec. 20 .....	January 2022 Trinity Tidings deadline .....	
Tues., Dec. 21 .....	Quilters .....	9:00 AM
Fri., Dec. 24 .....	Christmas Eve Worship .....	Noon
Sunday, Dec. 26 .....	Worship & Communion .....	10:30 AM
.....	Congregational Life Committee meeting .....	after worship

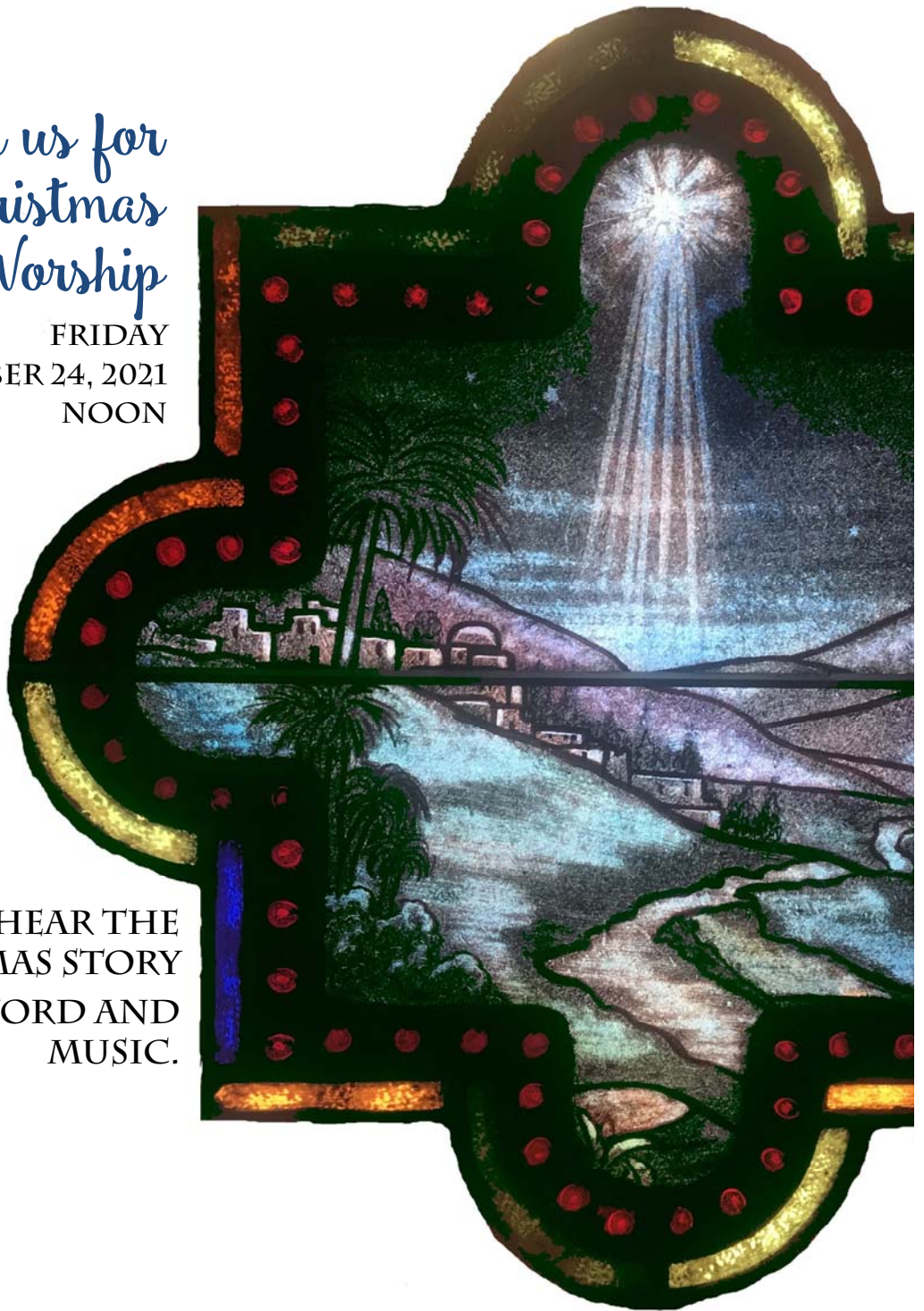


Liz Utech wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, help, visits, and gifts that she received during her recent illness. And a special thank you to Pr. Andrew for his visit.

*Join us for  
Christmas  
Eve Worship*

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 24, 2021  
NOON

WE'LL HEAR THE  
CHRISTMAS STORY  
IN WORD AND  
MUSIC.





The mission of  
**Trinity Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church**  
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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